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EDITORIAL OPINION

CAN PRIVATE COLLEGES SURVIVE?

(Christian Science Monitor)

A recent issue of the magazine Business Week brings together some facts on education that should make Americans with a sense of responsibility for the future do some sober thinking. Greatly condensed, the facts are these:

Something around two and a quarter million young people are now enrolled in the nation's colleges and universities. In a little over a decade that figure is expected to double.

Manifestly, the tax - supported institutions as they now stand could not accomodate them all, even were it in the public interest that they do so. Yet half the nation's privately supported colleges are reported running at a deficit; 200 or more are in real financial trouble.

The dollar which bought the colleges 100 cents worth in 1939 now buys hardly more than 50 cents worth for them. Endowments which used to bridge the gap between student tuitions and college costs now cover less than 30 per cent of total expenses, as against 52 per cent 15 years ago.

It is authoratatively estimated that $30,000,000 would scarce make up today's annual operating expenses at today's enrollment in the private colleges, and they need around $350,000,000 a year to replace old buildings and equipment and to take care of expansion forced by the demand.

The questions these facts pose reach deep into the whole pattern of American civilization.

Should so many young people go to college? If they shouldn't but want to, what's to be done about it? Should each student pay all of what it costs to offer him a higher education? Would the higher tuitions thus necessitated be a good thing in that they might automatically reduce the demand to manageable proportions. On the other hand, ought the government (state, federal, or both) simply accept the outlook, take over the bulk of higher education, let remaining private institutions open their doors to those who can pay enough? Or will corporate and individual enlightenment and generosity make possible a workable middle way?

Manifestly, not every young man or woman who gets to college makes the most of it. Some don't even belong there. But to deny the opportuunity to those who want to make the try runs so counter to American tradition that any scheme for arbitrary reduction of numbers seems unthinkable.

To ignore the resource of public funds and private generosity and make every student pay all his way would rest upon a very dubious thesis: that higher education is only for the financially well-to-do; not also for the intelectually and purposelly qualified.

Tax - supported institutions of learning have, in general, done a commendable job in maintaining both scholarly enterprise and political independence. But some of that freedom can be credited to the paralleled existence of the enterprise and independence of private collegs. Again, it would go against American tradition and philosophy to turn higher education over to the state.

Nevertheless, in the fact of the probabilities if the state is not to preempt most of it by default, the individual will have to do some acting as well as thinking.

PLENTY OF ROOM

(Selected)

Leaders in retailing point out that this enterprise offers great opportunities to young people choosing careers. There's every reason why that is true. A retailer operates on the certain promise that things just don't stand still. The buisness is in a constant state of evolution .. due both to new products and to new ideas. Being intensely competitive, management must be ever on its toes to do a better job, for the consumer is always looking for a lower price, more attractive displays, better service, and other inducements.. and he takes his trade where he can get them.

A retail store must have its rules and regulations and routines, like any other organized activity. But the big thing is found in the human factor .. in people with ideas and imagination and vitality and the urge to outdo the other fellow.

Today's executives in the big chain and other leading retail outlets came up from the ranks. They started as salespeople, warehousemen, and so on. In retailing there's plenty of room at the top.

TO START CIVIL DEFENSE

(The Washington Post)

The Kefauver Subcommittee has put its finger on the basic difficulty in the pathetic inadequacy of civil defense: failure of high-level leadership. The people need more facts about the effect of hydrogen attack on cities, facts about the effects of radioactive fall-out; facts about precisely what they should be prepared to do in the event of a warning. They need to know more of the assumptions on which the civil defense program is based — whether, for example, the evacuation of big cities is practicable at all and whether it is a sensible objective in view of the likelihood that an air attack would be aimed first at Strategic Air Command bases.

Most of all, the people need to know that civil defense planning is realistic, consistent and authoratative. It does little good to exhort the public to build shelters if there is a feeling that the prescription may change tomorrow or if there is no effective program for such essentials as housing, feeding and medical care. As the subcommittee notes, the Federal Civil Defense Administration is not itself to blame for all the present weaknesses, because of its "relatively insignificant place" in the governmental structure, its disadvantageous Battle Creek headquarters and its small staff. Civil defense will not become important until the Administration makes it important by giving it attention at the Cabinet level and by asserting Federal leadership in planning for evacution, medical care and the like as well as coordinating the various aspects. An effective civil defense program is no less urgent because of the peace doves being launched in Europe; in fact, it would aid the chance for peace. And the responsibility for seeing that all this is done belongs first of all to the President of the United States.

A WHEAT WORRY

(Winchester Star)

National wheat expectations for this year's crop are the lowest since 1940. If the crop approximates the 839 million bushels now anticipated, or if the yield is smaller, government stocks now totaling a billion bushels would be reduced slightly in the next 12 months.

The U. S. uses approximately 700 million bushels a year and there should be enough exports to consume more than the remainder of the 1955 crop. Thus the huge surplusses which have plagued the government ever since the war would shrink.

But a new worry has arisen — what will happen to the government support program when wheat producers vote in July on whether to continue or reject it. With aacreage reduction reported to be unpopular, more than a third of them may vote against continuing the program. Controls will go by the board unless approved by two-thirds of those voting.

Government officials fear that farmers may cut adrift from bureaucracy in the conviction that the open market price in the immediate future will be held to a satisfactory level by the law of supply and demand. The fact that part of the government-held surplus is segregated and not considered as a factor makes the prospect of a free market and acreage freed from controls still more attractive to wheat farmers.

WHY HELP INDIA

(Winchester Star)

News reports reveal that India is to receive nearly $100 million under the proposed foreign aid grant — approximately what the Chinese Nationalists will receive. This is an equation that is hard to solve.

It has been repeatedly declared that granting of aid to impoverished areas is based on the proposition that such aid will guide the beneficiary nations away from this nation's foremost enemy — communism.

Yet India (not including Pakistan) under Nehru's leadership has given no indication of departing from left wing moorings. Wherever a critical test has ocurred, Nehru and his gang have sided with the communists.

If continuing aid to pro-communist countries helping to ward off world communism, then indeed the moon is made of green cheese.

Do It Yourself Tax Form

(Milwaukee Journal)

It's too late to help anybody this year, but Representative Keating (Rep., N. Y.) has come up with a slogan that could have won him a presidential nomination in the weeks before April 15. Said Keating the other day:

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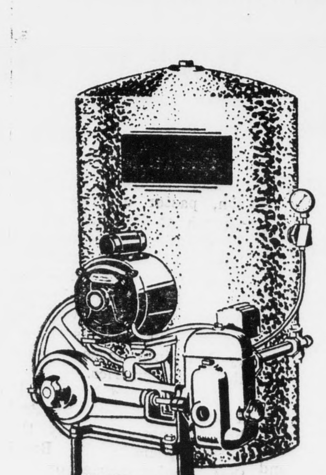

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Vera

Vera, May 23.- We surely were [blessed] with a fine rain on Sunday. [It] was greatly needed.

Rev. D. L. Bailey preached his last [ser]mon at Hollywood on Sunday [night].

Visitors for the week-end in the [home] of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey [we]re Mrs. Lester B. Harvey, Mrs. [Eva] Hayden and Mr. and Mrs. L. Watson.

Mrs. Eva Hayden, Mazie and Harriette Harvey visited Mrs. Maude [...]bitt on Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Watson, who has been [spe]nding some time with her son [and] daughter-in-alw, Mr. and Mrs. [...] H. Watson has returned to New [Jer]sey.

Dr. D. A. Christian's 75th birthday was celebrated on Sunday. We [wish] for this good and useful man [man]y happy returns.

It is quite a busy time in schools. The children are busy on their exams and there are lots of graduates this [year].

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Seventeen killed on state highways last week-end.

Chick Chats

COCCIDOSIS CAN BE CONTROLLED

Coccidosis is a general term applying to infection with one or more species of coccidia, which are micrscopic single-celled parasites. It is certainly one of the most important poultry diseases.

Coccidosis occurs practically everywhere poultry is raised. In the acute forms, the disease causes high death losses and profound weakening and stunting of the surviving birds. In the most chronic forms, coccidiosis causes extreme unthriftness and gradual loss of weight.

In addition, the presence of coccidiosis in a flock may present a stress that permits the establishment of other diseases.

Prevention of Coccidiosis

It is practically impossible to prevent all contact of poultry with coccidia. Good management, including clean litter, clean range, and continuous sanitation, will help keep down the occurrence of this disease. However, most poultrymen with flocks of a considerable size will find it more practical to prevent coccidiosis with a continuous low-level medication, which permits birds to attain an immunity through mild infection.

Usually, preventative medication is successful against coccidiosis, but poultry-disease specialists have found that sometimes the coccidia circumvent a barrier of this type—designed to let only a few through—and pour through onto the chicken. The result is what is called a break—a breach in the protective armor.

It may actually become an outbreak in the flock.

Controlling Coccidiosis

If explosive outbreaks of coccidiosis occur, or if there are stubborn cases defying treatment, there are various drugs that, used promptly and in sufficient concentration, may check the disease. Among these are certain sulfa drugs, arsenicals, and meta-nitro-sulfur derivatives.

Prompt treatment with a recognized drug will usually prevent serious losses from coccidiosis. Other steps may be taken to aid the affected birds in their recovery; since coccidiosis does primary damage to the intestinal tract and ceca, it is important to feed birds a highly digestible ration. Attempts to stimulate appetite may be undertaken.

If much hemorrhaging has occurred, it is good to help the blood to rebuild by giving supplements or additives rich in iron, copper, and other blood-building substances.

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Drive safely over the Memorial Day week-end.

Austria to have to pay huge indemnity sum to Russia.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Disabled Korean veterans taking vocational rehabilitation training have set their sights on goals well above the general level of America's total labor force, according to a Veteran's Administration survey.

The survey shows that 44 percent of the handicapped veterans are training for top-level jobs in the professional and managerial catagories. But in the nation as a whole, only about 25 percent of the working males held positions of this type.

Also, an earlier survey disclosed, training goals of these young Korean veterans are notches above those chosen by their older brothers-in-arms, disabled veterans of World War II.

Under the World War II vocational training program, 35 percent of the veterans had aimed for professinoal, semi-professional, and managerial objectives.

During the three years the Korean program has been in operation, more than 26,000 disabled Korean veterans have received vocational rehabilitation training, VA said.

Disabled veterans training for the professions were fairly well concentrated in three major fields — accounting, teaching and engineering. Smaller numbers were studying for law, medicine, the clergy, social work, and for a host of other professional occupations.

In the field of management, the disabled veterans were training to be buyers, retail store managers, wholesale store managers, advertising agents, creditmen, and a number of other occupations in the world of business and public administration.

KEEP EGG QUALITY UP DURING HOT WEATHER

Keep egg quality at a high level during hot weather.

It's an old story, but still an important one, say poultry epecialists at V P. I.

The specialists point out that nearly every egg produced on the farm is top quality when laid. Keep it top-quality. Prevent the eggs from getting dirty in the nest by: keeping the nest supplied with clean, dry nesting material; keeping the floors of the laying house clean and dry; and keeping the birds confined on wet days so they will not track dirt in the nest.

Protect the eggs from high temperatures by: penning up brooding hens so they can't sit on the nest; gathering eggs two or three times a day in wire baskets so the air can circulate through them; and storing them in a cool, damp place. Take them to market often.

A grade AA egg will become inedible in three days at 98°, in eight days at 77°, in 65 days at 44°, and in 100 days at 37°. But it usually will still be grade A at the end of six months if held at a temperature just above freezing.

Hixburg

Hixburg, May 23.- Corp. Bennie F. Reed returned to his home last Friday, after serving in Austria for fifteen months. He reports a pleasant and profitable stay. Not only did he like the people, but the work he did gave him a thorough preparation for a good civilian job.

Pfc. Watkins McPhillips, who has been in Germany for some months, is on his way home. He is to reach New York this Thursday.

Mrs. John Wilson Hix returned last Monday, after visiting her husband, Pfc. John W. Hix, at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Mrs. Colyer Parks was taken to the Memorial Hospital in Lynchburg last Monday. She is critically ill.

The neighborhood welcomes Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Camden and son, Wayne, of Cartersville, Ga. They are spending three months in the home of Capt. and Mrs. Covington. Mr. Camden is connected with the Transcontinental Pipeline.

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